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## In re Application of:

Chikarmane, et al.

Serial No.: 09/929,213

Filed: August 14, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
SURFACE TREATMENT FOR  
ELECTROLYTIC AND  
ELECTROLESS PLATING  
METALS IN INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT MANUFACTURING

Examiner: Arun S. Phasge

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Prior to examination of the claims on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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